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ARREST OF JUVENILE SUSPECTS IN BIASED MOTIVATED CRIME

On June 19, 2008, at about 1:44 a.m., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the 6100 block of South Macon Way on the report of criminal mischief. The homeowner saw two white male juveniles, dressed in dark clothing, using a shovel to dig in the front yard. When she yelled at the subjects, they dropped the shovel and ran from the area. It was then discovered that the suspects had spray painted swastikas and obscenities on the garage door of the house. The victim reported that her family's religious affiliation is Jewish, and that her son had been the target of an anti-Jewish harassment incident when he was in middle school. Sheriff's Office deputies completed a search and canvass of the area; however, no suspects or additional witnesses were located.

On June 20, 2008, members of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office were able to identify two juvenile suspects involved in the earlier reported criminal mischief-biased motivated crime. One of the juveniles was arrested and transported to the 18th Judicial District Juvenile Assessment Center and charged with:

18-9-121 C.R.S., Ethnic Intimidation, a Class 1 Misdemeanor

A Class 1 Misdemeanor is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine up to \$500 and/or a sentence of 18 months incarceration within a juvenile detention facility.

18-4-501 C.R.S., Criminal Mischief, a Class 3 Misdemeanor

A Class 3 Misdemeanor is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine up to \$50 and/or a sentence of six months incarceration within a juvenile detention facility.

The second identified juvenile was released pending criminal charges.

For additional information, please contact Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson at 720-874-4165.

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